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DIARY NOTES

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1. At the Deputies' Meeting:

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a. The Director used the case of [REDACTED] who has recently returned from [REDACTED] to illustrate his concern about what he believes to be the lack of assistance being given to returnees from overseas service in matters of finding houses, schools for their children, etc. He said he felt that we should do something about this and suggested that we organize a group of our employees' wives who would assist them in these matters. (After the meeting I told Lyman Kirkpatrick that I would speak to Gordon Stewart about this after which I would like to discuss the matter with him as to how he thought we should proceed.)

b. In a discussion of our proposed letter to the Bureau of the Budget outlining our Financial Plan for Fiscal Year 1959 (which the Director eventually signed), the Director expressed concern about the number of personnel people in the Agency and about the strength of the Office of Security. He specifically said that he thought

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[REDACTED] had too many people and that he wanted this Staff cut down.

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2. [REDACTED] buzzed me to say that the Director had declined to sign the proposed letters to the three Junior Officer Trainee speakers whom we had suggested and that he had discussed the entire two-week program of speakers with Lyman Kirkpatrick. (I have arranged to get together with Kirk and Matt Baird to find out just what the Director had to say.)

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3. [REDACTED] of the Air Maritime Division called about [REDACTED] claim for the loss of a diamond ring. I told him that we could not pay the claim but that I would be very glad to meet with [REDACTED] and explain why we could not pay it. He said that they were going to see General Cabell on Wednesday and that unless it were adequately explained at that time he would call me for an appointment on either Thursday or Friday.

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4. [REDACTED] was in for a few minutes, having returned from his duties as Chief of Administration in [REDACTED]. He was very appreciative of his tour, thought that it had been extremely beneficial and was also pleased with his assignment as Deputy Chief of Support in the EE Division. He wants to go overseas again within the next two or three years, preferably to Europe; if he cannot do this, however, he would like to go to [REDACTED]. In reviewing his profile I became aware for the first time, I think, of the fact that he is a [REDACTED]. This should probably be given very serious consideration.

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5. I reminded [redacted] that the Director wanted the bible quotation "And Ye Shall Know The Truth And The Truth Shall Make Ye Free" in a prominent place on the new building and asked him to insure that this was included in the specifications at this time.

6. With Mr. Dulles, General Cabell and others I lunched with the University Consultants. During the discussion period the Director requested that we reproduce a number of articles which have been written about the Agency during the past few years and distribute them to these consultants so that they might invite their candidates to read them. (I will ask Gordon Stewart to do this.) The Director also expressed his desire to have us give these consultants more information on why certain candidates succeed, others fail, etc. (This comes up every year and I will ask Gordon to make sure that we solve this one before the next meeting of these consultants.) The Director also requested that we distribute to these people whatever information we could in an unclassified form on our Language Program. (I have asked Matt Baird to take care of this.)

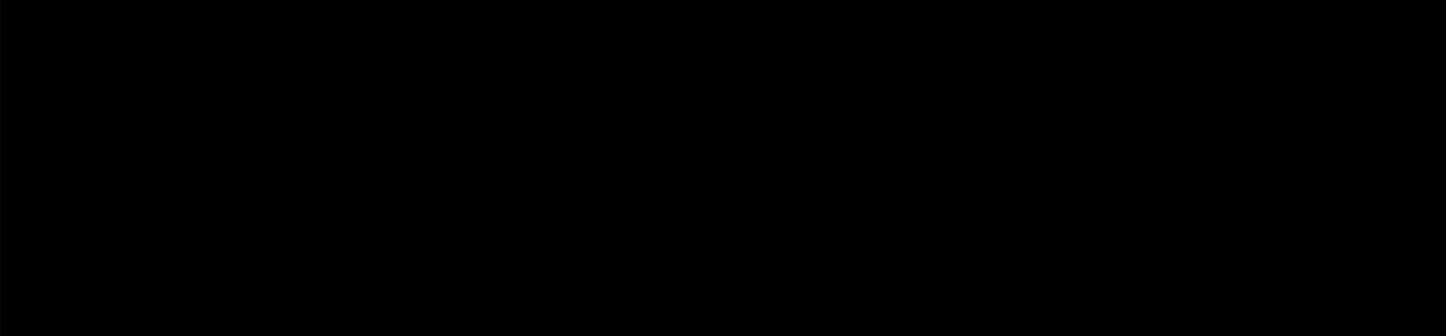
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In response to the point raised by [redacted] with regard to federal aid to certain language and area training programs, the Director undertook to speak to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to see what could be done to influence them to spend more of this money in the undergraduate field. (I have asked Gordon and Matt Baird for their joint recommendations as to what action they consider appropriate for the Director to take.)

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8. I discussed with [redacted] an earlier conversation that I had had with [redacted] to the effect that he might like to stay in his present job rather than return to the Office of Communications and go to [redacted] next summer. I emphasized that while I would be delighted to have [redacted] continue in his present job I would not want to do anything which would not be in the best interests of his career. [redacted] will review the entire matter and meet with me again in the next few days.

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